

Griffith Will Hold Johnson Back---Ehmke Is Making Good---Morgan Hits Well

JOHNSON MUST HOLD BACK A WEEK BEFORE TAKING MOUND TURN

Star Hurler Must Curb Activities As He Works Hard and Trainer Martin Fears He May Become Stale.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 14.—"I don't expect to use Walter Johnson in a practice game until next week. He is rounding to altogether too fast to suit me," said Manager Griffith today. "Last year he got into condition too speedily and suffered a relapse. I don't intend to let him do so this season. I am going to hold him back, instead of letting him work. He is almost ready to pitch now and so I have ordered him to cut out his exertions."

The news that Johnson will not pitch any of the games against the University of Virginia team this week was saddening to the students and citizens of Charlottesville, who have been waiting to see the king of fingers take his place on the slab and breeze in a few against the collegians. But the order of the Old Fox must be obeyed and so Charlottesville must wait, till next week before getting a peek at Walter in action.

Ferd Martin, the expert trainer, was the first to notice that Johnson might become stale with too much work. He conferred with Manager Griffith and the result is that Walter must curb his activities. He runs around the track many times a day and so far has had a sport good enough to let him pass Joe Engle at the end. He hustles around the outfield and even practices at third base and short during the batting drills. Inasmuch as Johnson reported in excellent shape, he must now rest a bit and satisfy himself with watching the other fellows slaving to get into condition. "I expect Walter to win a lot of ball games this spring for me," further vouches Manager Griffith, "and so I don't intend to risk him here. I never saw him shape up so well as now, and it would be a shame to have him overdo it before the campaign got under way."

Johnson is gaining weight rapidly, and is now close to 190 pounds. By the time the curtain goes up, it is likely that he will weigh 200 pounds in his uniform. This will be ideal, giving him all the necessary strength for his best work.

The first week of training for the Griffins finds seven or eight pitchers busy rounding into shape for their best work on the slab and not a sore wing in the entire crowd. Chick Gandil's whip is having its annual kink, but this always works out with the coming of warm weather. Eddie Foster is not taking any chances with his wing, either, but will by some means get the ball sounds. Manager Griffith says he is entirely satisfied with the results of the initial week and promises to make a powerful aggression for the opening, if he continues to have such good weather as experienced this past week.

Harry Harper's stellar twirling featured yesterday's victory over the Virginia college boys. The big leaguer topped by a score of 1 to 0, but the fireworks were few and far between. Indeed, it was a dragging contest so long as the Hackensack southpaw hung the ball. Moxey fanned six and passed but one in five frames, while only one hit was made off his stuff. He had great speed and a batting curve ball that worried all the college batsmen.

Bert Gallia finished the contest, and he, too, was in fine fettle. Though four hits are charged against him, only two were real ones, the other pair being infield scratches. The Texan had excellent control and a dazzling "hook" and a zipping fast one.

Danny Moeller had a lot of fun with the Virginia battery, annexing three cushions for his afternoon's work on the paths. He scored two of the Griffins' four tallies.

John Henry and George McBride each bagged a couple of bingles, good healthy wallops, too.

Moeller opened the game with a walk, followed immediately by a steal of second. Foster's death put him on third, from where he scored on Gandil's long sacrifice fly to left. In the third he singled, and in the fourth, coached on Foster's single to right, stole third and came in when Green threw to mid-field to catch Foster on a double.

In the ninth inning the other two runs were scored on ragged work by the college boys. Almsmith walked and galloped to third on a bad peg by Ehmke. Neff was safe on Stickey's bad toss of his grounder, Almsmith scoring. A passed ball put Neff on second. Moxey stroked the bag. McBride's death put Almsmith on second, from where he scored when Henry batted. A hard single to center, Gallia's strikeout ended the contest.

The Griffins took the second game of the series with the University of Virginia players yesterday by a 4-to-0 score. Harry Harper in his stay on the mound allowed only one hit. The collegians got three blows off Gallia.

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And by the time the quiet recovers from that blow, Joe Engle will be awake giving his demonstration of the economical quartet. Joe takes the part of four men in the economical quartet, thus saving the salary of three trained singers, and making just as much racket.

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THIS IS THE ROOKIES' FONDEST DREAM



Jack Bentley All Around Player of Many Merits

Sandy Spring Southpaw, While Promising Twirler, Can Hit and Make Good in the Outfield—Henri Rondeau Drives Away His Hoodoo and Pulls a "Charley Horse."

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 14.—"Jack Bentley is not only a good pitcher, but a good ball player on top of that," mused Manager Griffith today. "He could make good almost anywhere on any team."

The conversation turned upon Bentley's speed, which is the equal of almost any player on the team, with the possible exceptions of Milan, Moeller, Pick, and Almsmith, the whiz quartet. The Old Fox didn't hesitate for a moment to give his complimentary opinion of the Sandy Spring southpaw.

Bentley's control is excellent in a southpaw with but a year's experience on the bench of a big league ball club. He is a strong, well-built lad, who takes the best of care of himself at all times. He has increased his speed on the mound considerably since last season and his curve ball is going to fool many a big leaguer this coming year. However, his pitching ability is generally known to you fans. It's his all around playing qualities that require elucidation.

Jack Bentley is a good ball player. He works so frequently in the outfield that he has become a specialist in that position. He is a fast runner, particularly in left field. Not only can he come in on a fly ball, but he can go out, a much more difficult task, and drag down the long drives meant for the barrier. His speed of foot enables him to go to the sides and make a move with a runner on second. The other day in one of these practice games I saw him make it, showing me that he had learned the well-known trick of the outfielder. He knows how to use his knowledge. Jack is an earnest kid with great possibilities. His easy style of pitching ought to keep him in the business for many years. He does not tear his arm off to get the ball away, but has great power in his best of it. The same, Uncle Nick, I greatly miss my guess. Bentley will be a winner for Griffith this season."

Asking Bentley about all this brings forth the information, he just says and says nothing. But Uncle Nick and Old Fox expect great things of him this year, nevertheless.

There was one happy lad in camp here last night. When Henri Rondeau poked that vicious safety to center in the fourth frame of the morning skirmish he had broken the ice. He had approached the platter an even dozen times without avail. No wonder he grinned throughout his dinner.

"Suppose it had to come some time," was his comment, "but it took a long time to show up."

While Joe Engel did pass three men in a row in the eighth inning yesterday, he looked pretty good in the box. Indeed, some of the Peebles claim that Empire Griffith didn't give Engel any of the ball. He was in his attempts to find the dish. If Manager Griffith had been on the sidelines, witnessing the work of Empire Griffith yesterday, the manager would have made the umpire's life miserable.

Doug Neff has the credit of slugging the first home run of the practice season, but it must be admitted that Milan didn't break his neck to gather in the pill, nor did Almsmith try very hard to block off the smiling, peppery youngster at the plate. Neff is very popular with the players and they all encouraged him to make the circuit, cheering him when he slid across the dish.

Henri Rondeau pulled a "Charley horse" yesterday morning, giving way to young Lamar. Rondeau hopes to be able to engage in Monday morning's

RUSS FORD TAKES EHMKE IN CHARGE

Star Pitcher of the Buffalo Team Declares Youngster Will Be a Sensation.

ATHENS, Ga., March 14.—One of the most recent additions to the Buffalo club, which finished just behind Baltimore last season and got a pennant appetite by its first division experience, is Howard Ehmke, a youthful pitcher who was sought by Clark Griffith and other leaders in organized baseball.

Ehmke, in his first year out, won eight straight games at the start of the season. He is a native of Silver Creek, N. Y., and pitched for the high school team there until after the season of 1913.

Last year he was at Glendale Union School, in California, until his work attracted Coast League Scouts. Ehmke is a right-hander, twenty years old, and is six feet four inches tall. Ehmke has arranged for a special course at Brown University after each playing season.

Larry Schafly, manager of the Buffalo club, has been trying to curb the elongated hurler's tendency to use speed with reckless regard for the future. Russell Ford has taken Ehmke in charge, and the star of the Buffalo staff declares that Ehmke will be a sensation this season.

Works Out Tomorrow.

The Reformation baseball team of the East Washington Sunday School League will get its first workout of the season at Griffith and Florio's gymnasium tomorrow. Manager Newman has gotten a fast bunch together, and will hold daily workouts.

Wilson Is Named.

Emory C. Wilson, principal of the Central High School, has been named as one of the judges of the sporting panel class at the Governor's Valley Kennel club show to be held May 29.

Washington golfers get a high rating in the United States Golf Association list sent out from New York today. Walter B. Tuckerman, of Chevy Chase, leading the top honors among the cranks of the Washington Clubs.

While Travers and Oulmet are given a rating as the scratch men, Tuckerman is placed at a handicap of 1. Warren Corbitt, the Baltimore crack and winner of the South Atlantic title, is rated at 2.

Wolcott Tuckerman and W. S. Reynolds, of Chevy Chase, and L. L. Harlan, of Washington, are the highest rated in the national organization, which is given a 5 handicap.

The new list contains 51 names. The golfers rated will have a chance for the national championship.

Lincolns to Practice.

Manager Nick Carter, of the Lincoln A. C., will get his team out today for a workout in preparation for the game with the Fordet College to be played Wednesday.

Ray Morgan Leads All Griffmen With the Bat

Pudgy Second Baseman Starts Off the Year With a Clouting Average of .473, Good Enough to Parade in Front—Mayor Fisher Visits the Athletes.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 14.—Excepting a couple of pitchers who have not appeared at the bat often enough to have their batting averages worth much, Raymond "Cutie" Morgan, the pudgy second baseman, leads all the Griffmen with the bat at the close of the first week's grind at the training camp here. Morgan's mark is .473. Ray has corralled nine bingles out of nineteen trips to the dish, with a total of eleven bases.

Following close on Ray's heels comes Bill Brown, the outfielder from the Texas League, who has hit for .428. This youngster has been walked frequently, coming to the plate officially only seven times. But he has three hits to his credit, at that.

George McBride's bat is working with a vengeance, the dandy captain having a batting average of .388 so far in six games. In eighteen times at bat, George has poled seven bingles, totaling eleven cushions.

Jim Shaw, the Pittsburgh Stogie, is the nominal leader with the wagon tongue. He has come up twice, and each time he has slammed out a triple. He is running around today clearing because of his strength with the stick.

Danny Moeller has made an excellent start at the bat. In his nineteen attempts he has driven out seven safeties for an average of .367, which is good any time.

Doug Neff, the former Virginia University star, "Or" Almsmith, and John Henry, the two husky catchers, are all above the .300 mark, and showing better and better every time out.

Here are the figures for the first batting figures for the season of 1915:

Names	AB	R	H	TB	Pct.
Shaw	2	2	6	1.000	
Thornham	1	0	1	1.000	
Clark	2	1	1	1.000	
Stevens	2	1	1	1.000	
Morgan	19	9	11	.473	
Brown	7	3	3	.428	
McBride	18	7	11	.388	
Moeller	19	4	7	.367	
Neff	15	2	5	.312	
Henry	14	1	5	.312	
Almsmith	15	4	4	.267	
Williams	10	3	3	.272	
Gardil	20	1	5	.250	
Gallia	4	0	1	.250	
Shanks	13	2	3	.230	
Massey	18	1	3	.222	
Acosta	14	2	3	.214	
Pick	15	0	4	.266	
Foster	18	2	3	.167	
Clayton	15	1	2	.133	
Bentley	6	1	1	.166	
Rondeau	14	0	1	.071	
Harper	5	0	0	.000	
Lamar	4	0	0	.000	
Engel	4	0	0	.000	
Hopper	3	0	0	.000	
Ayers	2	0	0	.000	

Analostan Gun Club Gets Out Spring Dates

Analostan Gun Club members will have plenty of chance to do all the shooting they wish now that the regularly scheduled events have been made known following the annual election of officers. On March 20 the Fred Gilbert twelfth anniversary event will be held. The members from nearby States will compete. On June 19 the big registration shoot will be held.

Beginning April 1 the club will hold its regular shoot. The members from nearby States will compete. On June 19 the big registration shoot will be held.

Knights Are Winners.

The Washington Columbus Country Club basketball team, returning from Richmond, Va., today declare the Richmond Knights of Columbus the easiest sort of picking in basketball, having won out by 32 to 22.

Mayor Thomas Fisher, of Alexandria, was a visitor at Camp Griff yesterday. He witnessed both games and was principal guest of honor at the training table in the evening. Later he called upon the athletes and took a hand at bridge. Mayor Fisher is personally acquainted with most of the Griffmen, and he was accorded a royal welcome.

Manager Griffith was struck in the face by a batted ball in the practice before the game with Virginia and was bothered with a severe headache thereafter. He is feeling better today, though.

Charlie Pick and Hank Shanks are absentees today. Pick went to Lynchburg to attend to some business at his home. Shanks obtained permission to pass Sunday in Washington with his bride of a few weeks. Both players will be here late tonight in order to be on hand for the morning practice tomorrow.

Three of the athletes have had legs. Rondeau has a severe "Charley horse" in his right leg. Lamar has a badly barked knee from a fall on the cinder track, and Massey is pulling his left leg, the result of a wrench in the garden. This trio, however, comprises the entire hospital squad under the watchful care of Mr. Ferdinand Martin, safe and sane trainer.



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